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## **Spain – AEGIS Weapons System**

On 2 November 2005, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Spain of the AEGIS weapon system as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$550 million.

The Government of Spain has requested a possible sale of

Major Defense Equipment (MDE)

- 1 MK 7 AEGIS Weapons System;
- 1 MK 41 Baseline VII Vertical Launch System; and
- 2 MK 45 MOD 1 Gun Mount (1 ship sets) (Excess Defense Articles)

Non-MDE

- AN/SLQ-25A Torpedo Countermeasure System;
- Aviation Support System;
- MK III Shipboard System Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System;
- Common Data Link Management System/Joint Tactical Information Distribution System;
- Multifunctional Information Distribution System on Ships;
- MK 162 MOD 1 Shipboard Gridlock System;
- Navigation Sensor System Interface/Global Positioning System;
- HARPOON ORDALTS to upgrade Spanish HARPOON System.

Also included are system integration and testing, communications and support equipment, testing, computer programs and maintenance support, ship integration, spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, training, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$550 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Spain and enhancing standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces. This proposed sale of the AEGIS Weapon System will provide greater interoperability and cooperation between our navies.

The proposed sale of the AEGIS Weapons System to Spain will contribute to U.S. security objectives by providing a coalition partner with significantly improved Air Warfare capability. This will improve the Spanish Navy's ability to participate in coalition operations, provides common logistical support with the U.S. Navy, and enhances the lethality of its new frigate program. The Spanish can easily integrate the capabilities of the AEGIS Weapons System into their concept of operations. Spain will have no difficulty absorbing this system into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be:

Lockheed-Martin Maritime System and Sensors	Moorestown, New Jersey
Raytheon Company, Equipment Division	Andover, Massachusetts
General Dynamics, Armament Systems	Burlington, Vermont
Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems and Sensors	Eagan, Minnesota

Offset agreements associated with this proposed sale are expected, but at this time the specific offset agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Spain.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.